

Prior law required that needle sterilization techniques used for electrolysis be the same as those used in hospitals, using pressure heat or any other technique deemed appropriate by the State Board of Electrolysis Examiners (the board).

New law requires that unopened presterile disposable probes be used for each client treatment. Further provides that techniques of sterilization of other instruments shall be the same as provided in prior law for needle sterilization. Further adds dry heat to approved methods of sterilization.

Prior law required persons seeking licensure to practice electrology to have been a resident of the state for at least 30 days.

New law repeals prior law.

New law requires three hours of continuing education for renewal of a license to practice electrology (effective 12/31/99) and an additional two hours of continuing education for renewal of an instructor's license. Allows the board to grant extensions of up to six months for completion of continuing education hours if an electrologist or instructor applies for the extension in writing and shows good cause.

Existing law provides for the revocation of licensure and certification of any electrologist, electrolysis school, or electrologist apprenticeship program for failure to pay annual registration fees; further authorizes the board to reinstate a license to any electrologist, electrolysis school, or electrologist apprenticeship program whose license or certificate is revoked due to nonpayment of the annual registration fee. Requires payment of \$50, payment of all past due renewal fees, and a written request for reinstatement showing good cause.

New law provides for the application of existing law to licensed instructors of electrology.

New law authorizes the board to require completion of all or some of past continuing education requirements within 12 months as a condition of license reinstatement.

Existing law authorizes the board to license instructors of electrology. Requires an instructor to have practiced as an electrologist for at least five years. Prior law further required an instructor to have completed other specified training as specified by the board.

New law specifies that a licensed instructor of electrology must also possess a valid and current electrologist license. Retains existing law requirement that the person have practiced electrolysis for at least five years. Deletes prior law authority of the board to specify additional training. New law provides that after investigation of the applicant and other evidence submitted, the board shall notify each applicant that the application and evidence submitted for consideration is satisfactory and accepted, or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reasons for the rejection.

New law adds the following requirements for persons seeking their initial licenses as instructors of electrology on or after August 1, 1999:

- (1) Completion of an instructor training program that maintains the standards established and approved by the board and which is part of either an approved school of electrology or an approved apprenticeship program. Curriculum shall be under the supervision of a licensed

instructor of electrology, shall include a course of study and practice over no less than a five-month period, and shall include at least 175 hours on the science of teaching, at least 150 hours of teacher assistance/observations, and at least 175 hours of clinic-supervised practice teaching.

- (2) Achievement of a minimum test score on an examination administered and approved by the board.

Relative to the examination for an instructor's license, new law establishes guidelines similar to those in existing law for a license to practice electrology. Specifically, new law:

- (1) Provides that examinations are given at least once a year. Grants the board authority to establish date, time, and place of examinations; give public notice of such; and notify applicants for examination of such. Requires the board to administer examinations.
- (2) Requires examination administrator to deliver examination questions and answers to the board within 10 days after the examination. Requires the board to rate the answers and transmit an official report to each applicant stating the rating in each subject and whether or not the board approves the candidate for a license. If a candidate fails one or more parts of an examination, he may take the parts in which he has failed in a subsequent examination upon payment of a \$15 examination fee. Requires the applicant to retake the entire examination within one year of the original examination, if, after two attempts, the examination is not satisfactorily completed.

Effective August 1, 1999.

(Amends R.S. 37:3052(D) and 3073(A) and (B)(1); Adds R.S. 37:3077; Repeals R.S. 37:3071(B)(1)(d) and (C))